

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A ~~pre-filled plastic~~ syringe barrel ~~using cyclic polyolefin resin as a material~~, comprising:

a nozzle portion in which an outer cylinder and an inner cylinder are formed, and
a luer lock portion formed in a the nozzle portion and comprising between an
inner peripheral surface of the outer cylinder and an outer peripheral surface of the inner
cylinder,

wherein all or at least part of an inner peripheral surface of said outer cylinder,
and/or part of an outer peripheral surface of said inner cylinder surface of the luer lock
portion have/has a roughened surface.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The ~~pre-filled plastic~~ syringe barrel according to claim 1,
wherein ~~said the~~ inner peripheral surface of said ~~the~~ outer cylinder contains a
helically continuous screw thread, and the surface of ~~said the~~ screw thread or of a screw
root portion formed between adjacent ridges of the screw thread has a roughened surface.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The ~~pre-filled plastic~~ syringe barrel ~~according to any one~~
of claims 1 ~~and 3~~, wherein ~~said the~~ roughened surface ~~is a surface~~ includes indentations
formed by blast treatment.

6. (withdrawn) A method for improving a plastic syringe barrel in which an outer
cylinder and an inner cylinder are formed in a nozzle portion and in which a luer lock

portion composed of a cylindrical space is formed between an inner peripheral surface of the outer cylinder and an outer peripheral surface of the inner cylinder,

wherein the connection strength of said luer lock portion is enhanced by forming all or part of an inner surface of said luer lock portion into a surface subjected to surface roughening treatment.

7. (new) The plastic syringe barrel of claim 3, wherein the roughened surface includes indentations formed by blast treatment.

8. (new) The plastic syringe barrel of claim 1, wherein only the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylinder has a roughened surface.

9. (new) The plastic syringe barrel of claim 1, wherein the syringe barrel is made of cyclic polyolefin resin.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendment is compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, and that the amended application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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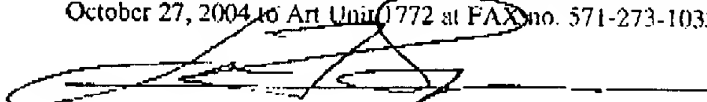
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